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COUNTRY: ARGENTINA 3.3(b)(1)

SUBJECT: INFORMATION ON

3.3(b)(1) A PLANNED, LARGE-SCALE TERRORIST OPERATION BY THE ERP AND THE MONTONEROS ON 15 JULY 1975

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3.3(b)(1) 1. C COMMENT: ON 25 JUNE 1975 HECTOR LUIS G A R C I A M E I, FORMER CHIEF OF POLICE IN THE PROVINCES OF TUCSMAN AND CORDOBA, WAS APPOINTED BY THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT TO HEAD THE NEWLY-CREATED UNDER SECRETARIAT FOR SECURITY WITHIN THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR. GARCIA MEY'S RESPONSIBILITIES ARE TO CORDINATE COUNTERSUBVERSIVE ACTIONS BY THE GOVERNMENT THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY AND TO SERVE AS AN OPERATIONAL LINK AMONG THE FEDERAL POLICE, PROVINCIAL POLICE AND, AS APPROPRIATE, THE ARMED FORCES.

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THE CONCEPT OF A SECURITY SECRETARIAT WAS FIRST SURFACED DURING THE CURRENT PERONIST GOVERNMENT SHORTLY BEFORE THE DEATH OF FORMER PRESIDENT JUAN P E R O N. PERON FIRST SIGNED THE DECREES CREATING THE SECURITY SECRETARIAT AND APPOINTING ARMY GENERAL ALBERTO C A C E R E S AS SECURITY SECRETARY, BUT THEN LATER SIGNED A DECREE ANULLING THE PREVIOUS DECREES. ACCORDING TO RUMORS REPORTED IN THE LOCAL PRESS, THE CREATION OF THE UNDER SECRETARIAT OF SECURITY AND THE APPOINTMENT OF GARCIA REY HOVE ANGERED FEDERAL POLICE CHIEF LUIS M A R G A R I D E, WHO HAS SUBMITTED HIS RESIGNATION.)

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RECENT POLICE RAIDS HAVE BROUGHT FORTH INDICATIONS OF A POSSIBLE LARGE-SCALE TERRORIST OPERATION BY THE PEOPLE'S REVOLUTIONARY ARMY (ERP) AND THE MONTONEROS ON 15 JULY 1975. THE JOINT OPERATION, 3.3(b)(1) THE FIRST SUCH OPERATION BY THE ERP AND THE MONONEROS, INVOLVES DIVERSIONARY TERRORIST ATTACKS IN CITIES IN THE INTERIOR OF THE COUNTRY, INCLUDING CORDOBA, ROSARIO, TUCUMAN, MENDOZA AND LA RIOJA, AS A MEANS TO DIVERT THE ATTENTION OF ARGENTINE

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SECURITY FORCES. SUBSEQUENTLY, ERP/MONTONERO SHOCK GROUPS OF 20 INDIVIDUALS EACH WILL MAKE SELECTIVE ASSAULTS ON THE RESIDENCES OF GOVERNMENT FUNCTIONARIES AND BUSINESSMEN IN THE FEDERAL CAPITAL. THE TERRORISTS HAD ENTITLED THEIR PLANNED OPERATION "EL ARGENTINAZO." 3.3(b)(1)

3.3(b)(1) 3. (COMMENT: IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT HAS OBTAINED INFORMATION IN POLICE RAIDS RELATING TO THE TERRORIST PLANS

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IF IS ALSO POSSIBLE THAT INFORMATION IS BASED ON HEARSAY OR, AT BEST, A FAIRLY RAPID PERUSAL OF CAPTURED DOCUMENTS.)

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